

ON BEHALF OF THE DAVIS FAMILY  
SPECIAL THANKS

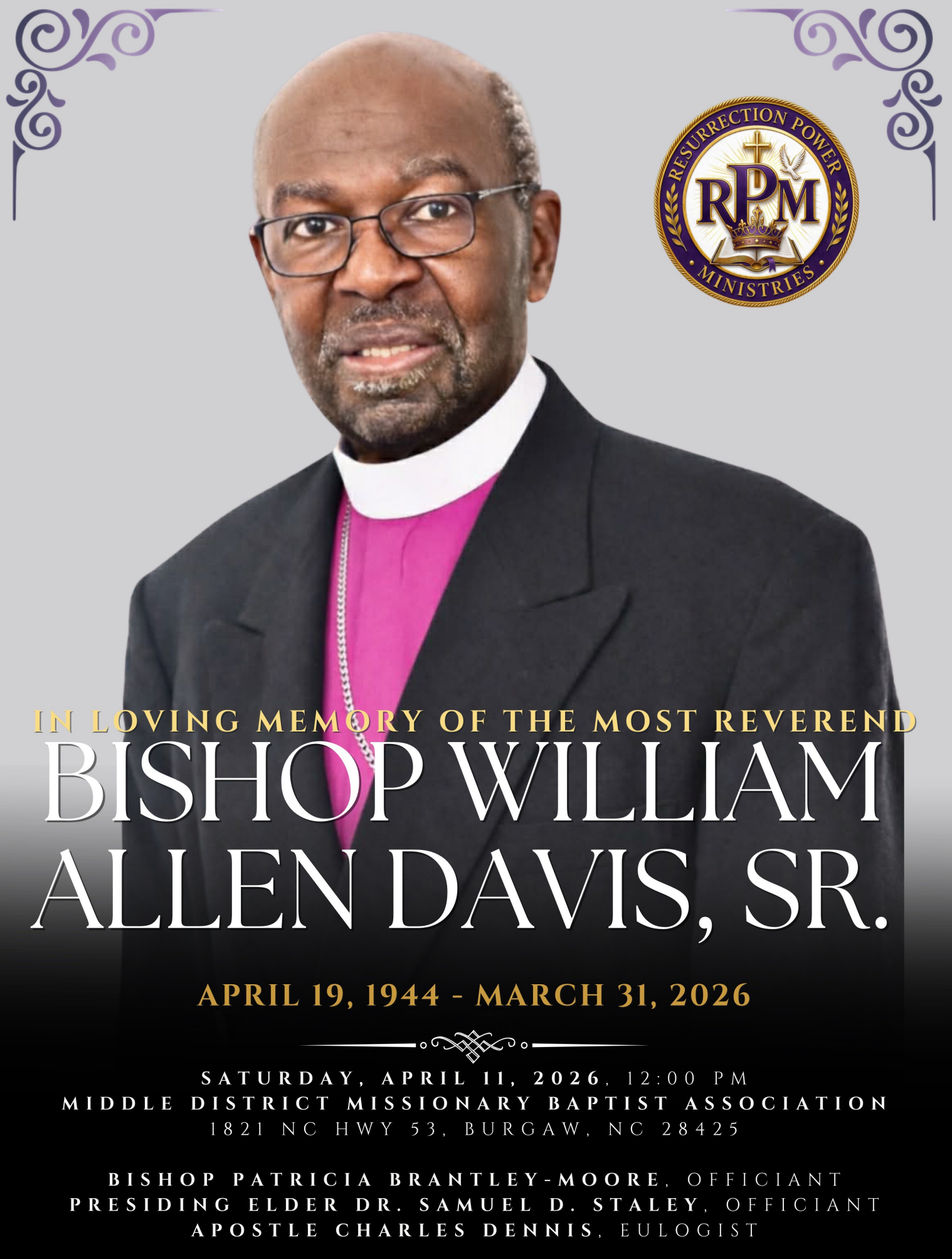


WITH SINCERE GRATITUDE, WE THANK YOU FOR EVERY PRAYER, KIND WORD, AND ACT OF LOVE SHOWN DURING THIS TIME. YOUR PRESENCE, WHETHER NEAR OR FAR, HAS BROUGHT COMFORT AND STRENGTH TO OUR FAMILY IN WAYS THAT WORDS CANNOT FULLY EXPRESS. AS IT IS WRITTEN, "THE LORD IS NEAR TO THE BROKENHEARTED AND SAVES THOSE WHO ARE CRUSHED IN SPIRIT" (PSALM 34:18), AND THROUGH YOU, WE HAVE FELT HIS NEARNESS.

WE ARE DEEPLY GRATEFUL FOR YOUR SUPPORT AS WE HONOR THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF BISHOP WILLIAM ALLEN DAVIS SR. (POP POP). MAY GOD BLESS EACH OF YOU FOR THE LOVE YOU HAVE SHARED AND CONTINUE TO KEEP YOU IN HIS PERFECT PEACE.

WITH LOVE AND APPRECIATION,  
THE FAMILY

*Bayada Home Health*  
*Be Enlightened, LLC (Raleigh, NC)*  
*Burgaw Park Community*  
*Due Seasons Florist and Printing*  
*First Assembly of God (Wallace, NC)*  
*Kirkman Park Elementary Educators (High Point, NC)*  
*Liberty Home and Hospice*  
*Mother Rosa Huffin*  
*Smith Temple Free Will Baptist Church (Raleigh, NC)*  
*St. James Holiness Church (Snow Hill, MD)*  
*The National Church of God (East New Market, MD)*  
*Walkertown Community*



IN LOVING MEMORY OF THE MOST REVEREND  
**BISHOP WILLIAM  
ALLEN DAVIS, SR.**

**APRIL 19, 1944 - MARCH 31, 2026**

SATURDAY, APRIL 11, 2026, 12:00 PM  
MIDDLE DISTRICT MISSIONARY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION  
1821 NC HWY 53, BURGAW, NC 28425

BISHOP PATRICIA BRANTLEY-MOORE, OFFICIANT  
PRESIDING ELDER DR. SAMUEL D. STALEY, OFFICIANT  
APOSTLE CHARLES DENNIS, EULOGIST

HOMEGOING CELEBRATION OF LIFE  
**ORDER OF SERVICE**

**MUSICAL PRELUDE**

**PROCESSIONAL OF CLERGY & FAMILY**

**INVOCATION**

*Apostle Vernon Mines*

**OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE**

*Apostle Joyce Murphy*

**NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE**

*Bishop Mary Boyd*

**SELECTION**

*Sister Clarenda Davis*

**PRAYER OF COMFORT**

*Bishop Dr. Willie L. James Jr.*

**EXPRESSIONS (TWO-MINUTE LIMIT)**

*Pastor Leo Bracken*

*Mother Ruth J. Beckett*

*Bishop Samuel Briscoe*

**MUSICAL TRIBUTE**

*Pastor R. Javon Hankins*

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS & OBITUARY**

*Dr. Danette L. James*

**SPECIAL TRIBUTE**

*The Davis Family*

**EULOGY**

*Apostle Charles Dennis*

**RECESSIONAL**

THE DAVIS FAMILY



## POEM OF COMFORT

# HAND IN HAND, ALWAYS

FOR FORTY-EIGHT YEARS, SIDE BY SIDE,  
THROUGH EVERY SEASON, WE WALKED IN STRIDE.  
IN LOVE WE LIVED, IN FAITH WE STOOD,  
THROUGH ALL OF LIFE—BOTH HARD AND GOOD.

OUR HANDS HELD TIGHT THROUGH JOY AND TEARS,  
THROUGH QUIET DAYS AND FAITHFUL YEARS.  
A LIFE GOD SHAPED WITH GRACE SO TRUE,  
MY HEART, MY HOME, WAS ALWAYS YOU.

AND WHEN THE TIME HAD COME TO PART,  
I HELD YOUR HAND, YOU HELD MY HEART.  
IN PEACEFUL TRUST, YOU SLIPPED AWAY,  
AS HEAVEN CALLED YOUR SOUL THAT DAY.

NO FEAR, JUST FAITH TO SEE YOU THROUGH,  
THE SAME STRONG FAITH I SHARED WITH YOU.  
THOUGH YOU ARE GONE FROM EARTHLY SIGHT,  
OUR LOVE STILL LIVES IN GOD'S GREAT LIGHT.

FOR THIS IS NOT THE END OF ME AND YOU,  
BUT JUST A PAUSE UNTIL LIFE'S THROUGH.  
AND WHEN GOD CALLS ME HOME ONE DAY,  
YOU'LL TAKE MY HAND AND LEAD THE WAY.

STILL HAND IN HAND, THOUGH FAR APART,  
FOREVER JOINED—ONE FAITH, ONE HEART.

**YOUR LOVING WIFE,**  
ELDER MARION CHRISTINE (WALKER) DAVIS



## OBITUARY

### THE MOST REVEREND BISHOP WILLIAM ALLEN DAVIS, SR.

BISHOP WILLIAM ALLEN DAVIS, SR. WAS BORN ON APRIL 19, 1944, TO THE UNION OF BRO. JOHN WESLEY DAVIS (POP JOHNNY) AND ELDER VIRGINIA PURNELL DAVIS (MOM GINNIE), TWO SPIRIT-FILLED, LOVING PARENTS WHO REARED THEIR CHILDREN IN THE ADMONITION OF THE LORD. HE SPENT HIS FORMATIVE YEARS IN BERLIN, MARYLAND, WHERE HIS FAMILY REFERRED TO HIM AFFECTIONATELY AS BILLY. AS A YOUNG MAN, BILLY ACCEPTED THE LORD AS HIS SAVIOR AND BEGAN SHOWING SIGNS OF A MUSICAL PRODIGY. HE SANG AND PLAYED GUITAR IN THE DAVIS FAMILY CHURCH, JEHOVAH TABERNACLE, AND WITH LOCAL GOSPEL GROUPS. YOUNG BILLY WAS EDUCATED IN WORCESTER COUNTY WHERE HE GRADUATED FROM HIGH SCHOOL.

LOVE FOR HIS FAMILY WAS ALWAYS PARAMOUNT. IT WAS THIS LOVE FOR HIS FAMILY THAT INFLUENCED HIM TO FOLLOW SEVERAL OF HIS SIBLINGS TO NEWARK, NEW JERSEY IN SEARCH OF EMPLOYMENT. IT WAS THERE THAT HE JOINED ZION HOLY CHURCH UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF THE LATE PASTOR MINNIE STITH AND BISHOP LEONARD WILLIAMS, WHERE HE PREACHED HIS FIRST SERMON IN 1963.

IT WAS DURING THIS TIME IN NEW JERSEY THAT HE ANSWERED HIS COUNTRY'S CALL TO SERVE IN THE US ARMY DURING THE VIETNAM WAR. WHILE THERE HIS DESIRE WAS NOT TO PHYSICALLY FIGHT IN THE WAR. GOD HONORED AND PROTECTED HIS PRAYER. ONE DAY AN ARMY PHYSICIAN NEEDED A CLERK WHO COULD TYPE AND KEEP RECORDS. HAVING NO TYPING EXPERIENCE, BILLY REPLIED, "GIVE ME ONE WEEK, AND I'LL BE READY." NOT ONLY DID HE TEACH HIMSELF TO TYPE, HE PERFORMED SO WELL THAT THE DOCTOR TRUSTED HIM TO RECOMMEND MEDICINE AND TREATMENT FOR WOUNDED SOLDIERS.

AFTER SERVING FAITHFULLY IN VIETNAM, HE WAS HONORABLY DISCHARGED AND RETURNED TO NEW JERSEY WHERE HE ATTENDED RUTGERS UNIVERSITY. HE GRADUATED WITH A BACHELOR'S DEGREE IN CHEMISTRY AND BECAME AN ACCOMPLISHED CHEMIST. AS GOD WOULD HAVE IT, MIN. DAVIS WAS ELEVATED TO YOUTH PASTOR AT ZION. ONE DAY WHEN ZION NEEDED A NEW ORGANIST, PASTOR DAVIS SPENT SEVERAL DAYS INSIDE THE CHURCH, TEACHING HIMSELF TO PLAY THE ORGAN. AFTER AN UNCHARACTERISTICALLY SHORT TIME, HIS SKILLS ADVANCED AND HE BECAME THE MAIN ORGANIST AND CHOIR DIRECTOR AT ZION WHERE HE LED AND TAUGHT MANY PEOPLE.

ALWAYS KNOWN AS A MAN OF FAITH AND FAMILY, HE WENT ON TO MEET AND MARRY SIS. EDIE MAE LITTLES IN 1967. TO THEIR UNION, GOD ADDED THREE BLESSED CHILDREN; SHEENA, JEFFREY AND ERIC. AFTER SERVING FAITHFULLY IN NEW JERSEY, GOD LAID IT ON HIS HEART TO BECOME A PASTOR. BISHOP MARY E. JACKSON, PRESIDING BISHOP OF MOUNT SINAI HOLY CHURCH OF AMERICA, INC (MSHCA). SENT HIM TO NORTH CAROLINA IN 1975. HE LEFT HIS LUCRATIVE JOB AND MOVED THE FAMILY TO BURGAW, NORTH CAROLINA, WHERE HE PASTORED MT. SINAI HOLY CHURCH IN BOTH BURGAW AND KINSTON FOR DECADES. SIS. EDIE MINISTERED AND EVANGELIZED ALONGSIDE PASTOR DAVIS UNTIL SHE WAS CALLED HOME TO BE WITH THE LORD.

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IN 1977, THE LORD SAW FIT THAT PASTOR DAVIS WOULD SOON MEET AND MARRY HIS LIFE, LOVE AND MINISTRY COMPANION OF 48 YEARS, ELDER MARION CHRISTINE (WALKER) DAVIS. THROUGH THEIR UNION, THE DAVIS FAMILY EXPANDED TO SIX CHILDREN WITH THE ADDITION OF TERRANCE, ANTEIA AND WILLIAM. PASTOR DAVIS QUICKLY ROSE IN INFLUENCE AND ANOINTING, TRAVELING ACROSS THE COUNTRY PREACHING COUNTLESS REVIVALS, CRUSADES AND CONFERENCES.

WITH A KEEN SENSE OF DISCERNMENT AND A CLARION PROPHETIC CALL, HIS MINISTRY WAS MARKED BY MANY MIRACLES, HEALINGS AND DELIVERANCE. WHILE IN MT. SINAI, THE NATIONAL CHURCH RECOGNIZED HIS GIFTINGS, WHERE HE SERVED AS PRESIDING ELDER OF THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT, MEMBER OF THE BOARDS OF DIRECTORS AND PRESBYTERS AND CHAIRMAN OF THE NATIONAL MEN'S DEPARTMENT.

AFTER SERVING FAITHFULLY IN MT. SINAI, ELDER DAVIS OBEYED GOD AND ACCEPTED NEW PASTORAL ASSIGNMENTS AT THE NATIONAL CHURCH OF GOD IN EAST NEW MARKET, MARYLAND AND ST. JAMES HOLINESS CHURCH IN SNOW HILL, MARYLAND. ELEVATION IN THE LORD'S CHURCH MET ELDER DAVIS AGAIN IN 2006 WHEN HE WAS CONSECRATED TO THE BISHOPRIC AND WAS APPOINTED VICE PRESIDING PRELATE OF GLORIOUS MT. SINAI HOLY CHURCH, WHERE HE SERVED FAITHFULLY UNTIL HE TOOK HIS FINAL REST. HE ALSO SERVED INTERNATIONALLY AS A SPIRITUAL FATHER AND COVERING TO MINISTRIES IN AFRICA AND PAKISTAN.

AS AN ACCOMPLISHED MUSICIAN AND RECORDING ARTIST, HE RELEASED AN ALBUM ENTITLED "JOY" OF WHICH MANY OF THE SONGS HE PENNED ARE STILL SANG TODAY. HE WAS ALSO THE RESPECTED AUTHOR OF "OVERCOMING THE 'I CAN'T HELP IT' SYNDROME", A BOOK THAT WAS USED BY PASTORS AND THEOLOGIANS IN CHURCHES AND CLASSROOMS. BISHOP DAVIS'S RADIO AND TELEVISION MINISTRY SPANS DECADES, WHERE SOME OF HIS WELL-KNOWN QUOTES WERE "LITTLE PRAYER, LITTLE POWER. MUCH PRAYER, MUCH POWER", AND "WORK THAT WORKING WORD." HE WOULD OFTEN END POWERFUL PRAYERS DECLARING, "SATAN IS DEFEATED. GOD IS ON THE THRONE. AND WE HAVE THE VICTORY!"

ABOVE ALL ELSE, BISHOP DAVIS WAS A FAMILY MAN. HE AND ELDER CHRISTINE LIVED LIFE TOGETHER, TRAVELED TOGETHER, AND EVEN TAG-TEAM PREACHED TOGETHER. THEY WALKED HAND-IN-HAND UNTIL HIS FINAL TRANSITION, AS HE TOOK HIS LAST BREATH HOLDING HIS WIFE'S HAND, SURROUNDED BY HIS CHILDREN. THOUGH BISHOP DAVIS'S TIME ON EARTH IS GONE, HIS LEGACY IS SEALED IN ETERNITY THROUGH THE COUNTLESS LIVES AND MINISTRIES HE HAS TOUCHED.

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BISHOP LEAVES TO CHERISH HIS MEMORY, HIS WIFE; ELDER MARION WALKER DAVIS; SIX CHILDREN; MISSIONARY SHEENA D. TATE (MORICE), ELDER JEFFREY A. DAVIS (TIFFANY), MIN. ERIC W. DAVIS (KATHI), TERRANCE T. WALKER, ELDER ANTEIA DAVIS SPENCE, MIN. WILLIAM DAVIS, II (KENDRA); SIXTEEN GRANDCHILDREN, TWENTY-FIVE GREAT-GRANDCHILDREN; AND FIVE SISTERS; SYLVIA DRUMMOND, RUTH J. BECKETT (RONALD), ELDER CARRIE DAVIS, MIN. HENRIETTA PITTS, AND CLARENDA DAVIS. TWO BROTHERS-IN-LAW; HAROLD WALKER (LINDA), DONALD WALKER (CYNTHIA), FOUR SISTERS-IN-LAW; IDA SMITH, MARGIE CLARK, BEVERLY WILLIAMS (ROBERT), ALICE WALKER (ARTHUR, DECEASED) BISHOP IS PRECEDED IN DEATH BY HIS PARENTS; JOHN W. & ELDER VIRGINIA DAVIS, HIS FIRST WIFE: SISTER EDIE MAE LITTLES DAVIS; THREE SIBLINGS; JOHN W. DAVIS, ELDER SARAH HALL, RACHAEL DAVIS, ONE GRANDSON; WALY M. FAYE.

